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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting

Place: U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters Building (Bldg 710), Richards-Gebaur

Date: Thursday, January 6, 2000

Attendance:

Bill Powell, Belton, RAB Co-Chairman

Mike Nicklow, AFBCA/Rickenbacker, RAB Co-Chairman

William McFarland, RAB Co-Chairman

Peter Barrett, CH2MHILL

George Bauml, UNITEC

Ed Brown, AFCEE

Sabina Chowdhury, WPI

Paul Carroll, AFBCA/DB

Kay Grosinske, AFCEE

Jim Harris, MDNR

Bob Koke, EPA Region 7

Tom Laflin, USACE

David Malecki, KCAD

Kris Moore, Dames & Moore

John Vento, COE-KCD

Bob Zuiss, Booz-Allen

Adam Yarbrough, CCI

Item 1. Summary of completed and upcoming field work

Remedial Investigation

Peter Barrett of CH2M Hill said the fieldwork was completed in the first week of Dec. and the lab results were coming in. He said validated results for 60 percent of the lab work had been received. He reported that CH2M Hill is using new Global Positioning System (GPS) technology to locate wells, and all the data will be put in the computer programs within two weeks. That data is to be melded with similar data produced by the Army Corps of Engineers. He said that once complete, the programs will produce state-of-the-art representations of the geology and hydrology of the base.

Barrett reported the fieldwork was completed a couple weeks ahead of schedule and early observations have yielded no surprises. He said the results would show which sites need remedial actions. CH2M Hill will begin writing the report to the Air Force within the month. Barrett said by the next RAB meeting, he should be able to give a presentation of site summaries.

Remedial Action

Kristopher Moore of Dames & Moore reported the following fieldwork, which began in mid-Dec.:

- POL Yard: Pumped 565,000 gallons of accumulated water out of the depression into the Oil-Water Separator and backfilled the depression with clean soil. Moore said the soil will be compacted and contoured before the work is complete and that a compromised monitoring well was removed as part of the action.
- ST007: Removed 18 biovent casings from the former underground storage tank area and disposed of them. Moore said the biovent casings and monitoring well casing were still in a dumpster awaiting disposal.
- ST1100: Removed contaminated soil from the former underground storage tank pit. Moore said 60 cubic yards of soil is still awaiting characterization in rolloff boxes and no water has seeped into the excavation.
- ST1200: Began excavations and borings where work was done in 1996. 100 yards are still awaiting characterization and disposal. Moore said that at this site, water did enter the excavation and it has been sampled. Moore said he requested a permit from Kansas City to pump the water out and dispose of it through the Oil-Water Separator. He said he is requesting a 5-month temporary wastewater permit for the whole Remedial Action project to avoid requesting permits on a case-by-case basis.

Mike Nicklow of AFBCA said all sites Moore mentioned are former underground storage tank sites; the Air Force is carrying through with characterization and contaminated soil disposal. He said he thinks Dames and Moore is running ahead of schedule and under budget.

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Item 2. Update on FUDS activities

Bill McFarland of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers presented an overview of the Formerly Utilized Defense Sites (FUDS) using the Geographic Imaging System maps.

- Building 1010: Recommended no further action based on contamination related to Department of Defense activities.
- Northeast Landfill: An intermittent stream runs through the areas around the landfill and will be studied. McFarland said another group outside the RAB was handling the skeet range near the landfill at this time.
- Hydrant Lines: The old tarmac area used to have fuel lines to hydrants buried under it. McFarland said the Corps did a site visit in August and the area was split into BRAC and FUDS with three hydrant lines under each program. Dames and Moore is handling both contracts to help the groups share costs and information. Moore reported that they would survey or stake out lines and dig test pits to find lines, sample, clean and grout the lines under the tarmac. Kay Grosinske of AFCEE said the lines not under the tarmac would be removed if necessary. McFarland requested the Air Force brief the RAB at the next meeting on the hydrant lines to avoid overlapping information and to share responsibility. Nicklow agreed.
- West Burn Area: COE has done a couple removal actions on this site. The "No Further Action" recommendations will be revisited with a final decision document to MDNR and the EPA. Dave Malecki of KCAD said the West burn pit is gone; it was hauled away by Dec. 23 and is awaiting results. He said if MDNR gives its approval, the area is clear.
- Low-Level Radioactive Disposal Cell: A removal action was performed and a closure report has been submitted to MDNR. USACE is awaiting concurrence.
- South Conterminous Area: McFarland said the area is an old landfill with rubble pile and a manmade pond. He said the Corps has prepared an FS report, and MDNR and EPA comments are expected by mid-February.
- Herbicide Burial Area: McFarland said the Herbicide Burial Area used to be the Suspected Herbicide Burial Area, but they have found herbicides buried in the ground there. This is the only FUDS site on Belton Property. He said the herbicides have been removed and the documents are with MDNR awaiting concurrence.

McFarland said the Corps would continue to monitor wells at the South Conterminous Area, as Round Three of monitoring will start at the end of January. At that point, he said, they would also do the first round of sampling at the Northeast Landfill.

Tom Laflin of USACE spoke about the GIS programs and showed how they worked. He said Barrett is going to put Air Force wells into the database with GPS coordinates to give a more complete picture of the work on the base. McFarland suggested looking into option to share GIS information.

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Laffin demonstrated a web site they are developing in Hasting, Neb. for Blaine Naval Ammunitions Depot. McFarland said a similar site might be useful to the Richards-Gebaur RAB and suggested sharing the costs to develop a web site. No decision was reached at the meeting. Grosinske said the other contractors involved at Richards-Gebaur are also interested in providing this service.

Item 3. Sale of Parcels K & L

Nicklow reported that parcels K and L were sold to the City of Belton in the telephone auction. He said the parcels were sold for slightly over their appraised values.

Other business

Adam Yarbrough of CCI said he had drafted copy for a newsletter that will be released late in Jan.

The RAB agreed that the next RAB meeting would be Apr. 6, 2000, at 7 p.m., in the USMC Training Room.

Meeting Adjourned.

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